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Duration of smallpox contagium.

DENVER, COLO., June 25, 1900.

SIR: The following report, made by Dr. K. L. Clock, health officer for Archuleta County, Colo., is of interest to health officers everywhere as it shows the virulence of the contagium.

In the fall of 1898 a Mexican family living at Amargo, N. Mex., had the smallpox. Whether they were disinfected or not, I could not learn. At any rate they put a Navajo blanket that had been used in the family during the smallpox scourge out in the sun and weather to "cure." I got it from an intelligent Mexican that this certain blanket had been out airing for more than a year. In November, 1899, this family had some company, and requiring more bedding debated about using this blanket and finally agreed that it would be safe, having been "curing" for more than a year. Consequently, a little girl was covered with the blanket and in about ten or twelve days took the hemorrhagic variety and died within thirty-six hours of the onset.

Respectfully,

G. E. TYLER,
*Secretary State Board of Health.**Smallpox in Colorado for the month ended June 25, 1900.*

DENVER, COLO., June 25, 1900.

SIR: In compliance with the regulations adopted by the national conference of State and provincial boards of health at Toronto in 1886 and Washington in 1887, it becomes my duty to inform you that smallpox has been reported to this office from the following points in the State of Colorado during the month ended June 25, 1900: Archuleta County, 1 case, May 20; Denver, Arapahoe County, 11 cases, May 1 to June 9; Fremont County, 9 cases, May 1 to 13; Fountain, El Paso County, 2 cases, May 8 and 12; Grand Junction, Mesa County, 1 case, May 14; Greeley, Weld County, 1 case, May 9; Longmont, Boulder County, 1 case, June 16; Logan County, 1 case, May 28; Las Animas County, 5 cases, May 5 to 19; Merino, Logan County, 2 cases, May 17 to 26; Trinidad, Las Animas County, 1 case, June 1; Valley Vein Springs, Saguache County, 1 case, June 10; total for the State of Colorado for the month ended June 25, 1900, 36 cases; number of deaths, 1.

Respectfully,

G. E. TYLER,
*Secretary State Board of Health.**Inspection of Cape Nome vessels.*

SEATTLE, WASH., June 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that since June 8 the following steamers for Cape Nome have been inspected: June 9, steamer *Farallon*, crew and 72 passengers. June 11, steamer *San Juan*, crew and 256 passengers. June 16, steamer *Newsboy*, crew and 65 passengers.

The steamer *Newsboy* arrived from San Francisco on the 13th, having failed to stop at Port Townsend for quarantine inspection. Acting under instructions from Dr. Foster, inspected her here.

Respectfully,

JAS. B. EAGLESON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.